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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

**SUBJECT : Proposed Reorganization of the United States
Intelligence Board**

In recent consultation with Secretary McNamara regarding measures which should be taken in the intelligence community to achieve your goal of good management and economical administration in government, we have concluded that the management of the foreign intelligence activities of the Department of Defense would be very greatly simplified if you would approve a reorganization of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

This Board, essentially in its present role of advising and assisting me as its Chairman in coordinating and guiding the total intelligence effort, was established in 1958 with the approval of the President under directives of the National Security Council. As approved by the President, the composition of the Intelligence Board currently consists of the Director of Central Intelligence as Chairman; the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence representing the Central Intelligence Agency; the intelligence chiefs of the Department of State, Defense Intelligence Agency, Army, Navy, Air Force and National Security Agency; together with representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Since the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) was created in 1961 to coordinate and supervise all intelligence functions in the Department of Defense (except those under the National Security Agency), it has been contemplated that the intelligence chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force would be removed from


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membership on the U. S. Intelligence Board at such time as the Director, DIA, had sufficient authority and resources to represent all the military services. Secretary McNamara and I believe that this change in membership on the Intelligence Board is now warranted in the interest of better management and more effective administration.

To put this reorganization into effect, I recommend that you approve the following membership on the United States Intelligence Board to become effective 1 January 1964:

Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Director of Intelligence and Research, Department
of State
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Director, National Security Agency
A representative of the Atomic Energy Commission
A representative of the Director of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation

Subject to your approval of this recommendation, I will institute action to effect such changes in existing directives as are necessary to implement this reorganization.


JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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<p>Remarks:</p> <p>As directed and approved in draft by you, the attached memorandum for the President from the DCI is submitted herewith.</p> <p>If the recommendation in the attached memorandum is approved by the President, I will undertake to initiate the necessary action pursuant to the last paragraph if desired by the DCI.</p>			
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